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2. New Tank Model

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1. Rubtsovsk (51° 30' N, 81° 15' E)

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Rubtsovsk is said to be located approximately 700 kilometers south of Barnaul, on the Barnaul-Tashkent railroad line. A tractor factory, established there during the war with equipment removed from Stalingrad, produced twenty tractors daily as well as an unspecified number of tanks. In 1946 the plant employed 10,000 workers, including 5,000 Japanese PWs and most personnel of a Panzer Division captured near the Baltic Sea in April 1945. all the Japanese PWs had been freed but 500 German PWs were still detained there.

2. Orsk. (15° 15' N, 58° 35' E)

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Approximately 2,000 German PWs, most of them skilled metal industry workers, were employed with Soviet civilians in an Orsk factory assembling "war equipment". A second factory in the area was producing tanks and had reached a monthly output of forty-five vehicles in December 1946. This is said to be a new type of tank, approximately three meters long and 1.5 meters high. The barrel of its 80 mm gun is 2.8 meters long. Front and small turret have steel plates 120 mm thick; steel plates on sides and rear are approximately 50 mm thick. Tracks, covered by the chassis, are not visible from the front. Sides of the tracks and the suspensions are encased in steel plates 20 mm thick. The plates can be folded up. Crew consists of the driver and two gunners; the latter two men assume prone positions. Comment: The armor seems unusually heavy for a tank of this size.

3. Solikamsk. (59° 35' N, 56° 45' E)

A steel mill near Solikamsk, Ural, has eleven furnaces which were built in 1942-43 and have been operating since early 1944. The capacity per furnace and tapping is approximately 800 tons. The factory is processing red iron ore and is producing gun barrels, railroad wheels, and T-beams. There is no gun assembly.

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